GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:164
ANSWERED ON:23.08.2007
INFLOW OF INTERNATIONAL TOURISTS
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the details in regard to target set to increase the inflow of international tourists and achievements made thereunder during the last three years alongwith State-wise expenditure incurred in this regard;

(b) whether the Government proposes to prepare State-specific special packages in this regard as has been done in the case of the North Eastern Region;

(c) if so, the details thereof ;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor ?

(e) whether the Government has announced group tour packages to attract foreign tourists ; and

(f) if so, the details thereof, State-wise ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF THE STORY IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SMT. AMBIKA SONI)

(a), (b), (c), (d), (e) & (f): A Statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.+164 TO BE ANSWERED ON 23.08.2007 REGARDING INFLOW OF INTERNATIONAL TOURISTS.

(a): The Ministry of Tourism has been making efforts to increase Foreign Tourist arrivals to the country through its promotion and publicity campaigns and through the activities of its Overseas Offices. Though no year-wise targets were set, the number of foreign tourist arrivals during the last three years is given as under:

Year	Foreign Tourist Arrivals (in million)
2004	3.46
2005	3.92
2006	4.45

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The campaigns for promotion and publicity to promote and showcase India are undertaken by the Ministry of Tourism for the country as a whole. The expenditure in this regard is not incurred State-wise.

(b), (c) & (d): No, Sir. However, the Ministry of Tourism extends Central Financial Assistance to all the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations for development and promotion of tourism. The project proposals that are complete in all respects are examined as per the Scheme guidelines and funds released on the basis of their inter-se priority and availability of funds under the respective heads. A statement showing the details of the Central Financial Assistance sanctioned to State Governments /Union Territory Administrations during the last three years is at Annexure.

(e) : No, Sir.

(f) : Does not arise.